

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

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The Honorable Fred Thompson, Chairman
The Honorable John Glenn, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs/Special Investigation
340 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thompson and Senator Glenn:

On March 18, 1998, this Office wrote to the U.S. Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs asking to obtain some of the documents acquired in the course of its inquiry into improper activities in connection with the 1996 Federal election campaigns.

We have reviewed the documents that the Committee allowed us to review under our March 18 requests. Some of the material does appear to be germane to the Federal Election Commission's investigations, that is, appears to relate to some of the individuals and entities identified in our March 18 letter. We will wish to utilize the germane materials, although we cannot be specific as to which materials in light of the confidentiality provisions in the Federal Election Campaign Act. As noted in our March 18, 1998 letter, we may make additional requests within the near future.

I can be reached at (202) 694-1650 if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

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Thomas A. Daffron, Chief of Staff for Senator Thompson
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